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SUBJECT: USA--USSR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGREEMENT:
PROJECT V-2.1, PROTECTION OF NORTHERN ECOSYSTEMS

1. REQUEST AMEMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM
DR. R. SKOOG, INTERIOR, TO DR. V. DENISOV, MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE, WITH COPY TO DR. YU. KAZAKOV, HYDROMET.

2. "DEAR DR. DENISOV:

TWO USA DELEGATIONS WILL BE VISITING THE USSR THIS SUMMER
UNDER ACTIVITIES A-1 (PRODUCTIVITY AND FUNCTIONAL
INTERRELATIONS IN TAIGA AND TUNDRA ECOSYSTEMS FOR THE
PURPOSE OF THEIR PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT) AND A-2
(BIOLOGICAL INDICATORS OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE CAUSED
BY NATURAL AND ANTHROPOGENIC IMPACTS) OF OUR PROTOCOL.

3. DR. MELNIKOV INVITED TWO USA SPECIALISTS TO VISIT
THE PERMAFROST INSTITUTE IN AUGUST 1975 TO PARTICIPATE
IN COOPERATIVE STUDIES IN THE FIELD OF MATHEMATICAL
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MODELING OF THERMAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESSES IN

PERMAFROST AREAS. THESE USA SPECIALISTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
DR. SAMUEL I OUTCALT, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, LEADER;
AND DR. GARY L. GUYMAN, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

DR. MELNIKOV SUGGESTED A ONE-MONTH VISIT; USA SIDE
PROBABLY CAN STAY ONLY THREE WEEKS. PLEASE ADVISE
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE DATES PROPOSED BY DR. MELNIKOV
FOR THIS VISIT. USA DELEGATION WOULD LIKE TO SPEND
ONE OR TWO DAYS IN MOSCOW AT START OF VISIT TO
DISCUSS PROJECT WITH COLLEAGUES OF SOVIET ACADEMY, AND
WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE USSR VIA KHABAROVSK. PLEASE ADVISE
ME SOON AS TO WHAT COSTS USA SIDE IS EXPECTED TO PAY
DURING THIS VISIT AND DETAILS CONCERNING ITINERARY. ALSO,
PLEASE ADVISE SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON SOON SO WE
CAN OBTAIN NECESSARY VISAS.

4. OTHER USA DELEGATION WILL CONSIST OF FIVE SPECIALISTS
WHO PLAN TO VISIT DR. KONTRIMAVICHUS' INSTITUTE AT
MAGADAN IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. ALL MEMBERS OF DELEGATION
MUST ATTEND OTHER CONFERENCES AND THEREFORE MUST LEAVE
THE USSR ON SEPTEMBER 13, 1975, VIA MOSCOW. PLEASE
ADVISE ME SOON AS TO SCHEDULE PROPOSED BY
DR. KONTRIMAVICHYUS WITH SEPTEMBER 13 AS TERMINAL DATE.
DELEGATION IS PREPARED TO STAY TWELVE TO FIFTEEN DAYS
AS NEEDED. DELEGATION WILL CONSIST OF FOLLOWING
SPECIALISTS, ALL FROM UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA:

A. DR. GEORGE C. WEST, LEADER: DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE OF
ARCTIC BIOLOGY.

C. DR. F. STUART CHAPIN, PLANT ECOLOGIST AND
PHYSIOLOGIST.

D. DR. STEPHEN F. MACLEAN, JR., ANIMAL ECOLOGIST.

E. DR. ROBERT G. WHITE, NUTRITIONAL PHYSIOLOGIST.

5. DR. WEST'S DELEGATION WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THE
FOLLOWING TOPICS WITH DR. KONTRIMAVICHYUS' GROUP:

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A. INCREASED FAMILIARIZATION BY AMERICAN AND SOVIET
SCIENTISTS OF USA AND USSR TUNDRA AND TAIGA ECOSYSTEMS.

B. RENEWED AND NEW ACQUAINTANCES BETWEEN SOVIET AND
USA SCIENTISTS ACTUALLY CONDUCTING BASIC ECOSYSTEM
RESEARCH IN THOSE AREAS, AND PREPARATION OF A USA--USSR
ROSTER OF MOST ACTIVE RESEARCH WORKERS ON TUNDRA AND
TAIGA ECOSYSTEMS.

C. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION IN REGARD TO GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF ECOSYSTEM FUNCTIONS AND TECHNIQUES AS BASIS FOR ADVANCING INVESTIGATIONS AND COMPUTER MODELING WORK.

D. DETERMINATION OF ECOLOGICAL PARAMETERS NEEDING MEASUREMENT ON COMPARABLE USA AND USSR RESEARCH SITES.

E. EVALUATION OF RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN USA AND SOVIET RESEARCH SITES: ARE THERE COMPARABLE SITES UNDER STUDY AND ARE SIMILAR INVESTIGATIVE METHODS BEING UTILIZED OR POSSIBLE FOR UTILIZATION.

F. METHODS OF COMPUTER MODELING OF SURFACE PERTURBATION EFFECTS IN NORTHERN ECOSYSTEMS.

G. DETERMINATION OF CURRENT EFFORTS TO DETERMINE BIOLOGICAL INDICATORS OF ECOSYSTEM POLLUTION AND MAN-MADE ALTERATIONS IN NORTHERN ECOSYSTEMS, INCLUDING PREPARATION OF A BIBLIOGRAPHY AND INVENTORY OF RESEARCH PROJECTS.

H. EVALUATION OF POSSIBILITY FOR ESTABLISHING BASE-DATA MONITORING STATIONS TO ENABLE MEASUREMENTS OF POLLUTANT LEVELS AND OF OTHER PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL FACTORS INDICATIVE OF CHANGES OCCURRING IN NORTHERN ECOSYSTEMS.

6. PLEASE ADVISE DR. KONTRIMAVICHYUS THAT VISIT TO USSR PROPOSED EARLIER BY DR. HOFFMAN AND DR. NADLER TO MAGADAN MUST BE CANCELED DUE TO UNFORESEEN FAMILY PROBLEMS. DR. WEST WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS DR. HOFFMAN'S PROJECT AS NEEDED DURING HIS VISIT IN UNCLASSIFIED

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SEPTEMBER.

7. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP IN ARRANGING FOR VISIT OF DR. VIERECK AND DE LEONARDIS ON WILDFIRE ECOLOGY, VERY BEST WISHES TO YOU. SKOOG" SISCO

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